

REMARKS

In the final Office Action of November 15, 2006, claims 1 and 3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,907,295, issued to Lin (hereinafter, Lin). Claims 1 and 4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,747,581, issued to Hodges (hereinafter, Hodges). Claim 2 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lin in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,208,671, issued to Paulos et al. (hereinafter, Paulos). Claim 5 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lin. Claims 6-10 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 11-20 were allowed.

Although Applicant does not necessarily agree with the rejections of claims 1-5, in order to expedite the allowance of the application, claim 1 is amended herewith to include the limitations of dependent claim 6 and intervening claim 2. Claims 2 and 6 are cancelled accordingly. Also, claim 7 is amended herewith to be in independent form and to include the limitations of original claim 1.

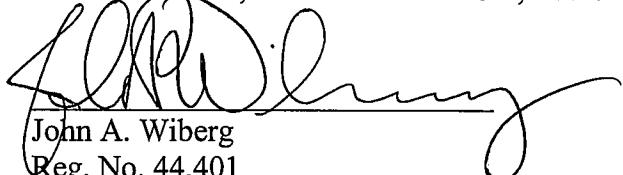
In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of claims 1, 3-5 and 7-20.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to the deposit account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Account No. 13-0017.

Respectfully submitted,

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